

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-14, 16-19, 21-24, 26-36 and 38-43 are pending in the application, with claims 1-3 and 22-24 being independent. Claims 1-3, 22, 24 and 27 have been amended and claims 8, 15, 20, 25 and 37 have been canceled.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 23 and 31-36, and the Examiner's indication that claims 4, 5, 8, 10-12, 15-17, 20, 25-27, 37-39 and 43 are directed to allowable subject matter. In view of this, independent claims 1-3, 22 and 24 have been amended to include the subject matter of claims 8, 15, 20, 25 and 37, respectively, and claims 8, 15, 20, 25 and 37 have been canceled.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 18, 19, 21, 22 and 28-30 have been rejected as being anticipated by JP 05-158015. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection in view of the amendment of independent claims 1-3, 22 and 24 to include the subject matter of allowable claims 8, 15, 20, 25 and 37. In particular, as acknowledged by the Examiner, JP 05-158015 does not describe or suggest a control circuit that is provided adjacent to a side edge of a substrate that is opposite a side to which a pattern is adjacent, as recited in amended claims 1-3, or sealing a control circuit in a sealant material that seals a liquid crystal material, as recited in amended claims 22 and 24.

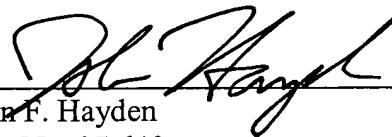
Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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